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TAGS: ENRG, OPEC, QA

SUBJECT: QATAR OIL PRODUCTION DOWN

REF: (A) DOHA 0183; (B) DOHA 0186; (C) DOHA 0298; (D) DOHA 0303

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1. APRIL 1977 QATAR CRUDE PRODUCTION WAS 12,774,106 BARRELS (425,906 BPD), OR APPROXIMATELY 2 MILLION BARRELS BELOW APRIL 1976 PRODUCTION LEVELS, AND 2 1/2 MILLION BARRELS LESS THAN DECEMBER 1976 PRODUCTION, LAST MONTH UNDER OLD OPEC PRICE REGIME.

2. PRODUCTION FIGURES FOR APRIL AND COMPARISON FIGURES

FOLLOW:

A. APCIL 1977 TOTAL CRUDE PRODUCTION BY COMPANY:

SHELL (OFFSHORE)

6,533,200 BBL

QPC (ONSHORE) 6,240,906 BBL

B. APRIL 1976 TOTAL CRUDE PRODUCTION BY COMPANY:

SHELL 7,696,000 BBL

QPC (DUKHAN) 7,378,000 BBL

C. TOTAL CRUDE PRODUCTION:

APRIL 77 12,774,106 BBL

APRIL 76 14,579,000 BBL

MARCH 77 12,040,000 BBL

MARCH 76 15,397,000 BBL

AUGUST 76 16,139,000 BBL (HIGHEST 76 PRODUCTION)

DECEMBER 76 15,255,000 BBL

2. COMPANY SOURCE PREDICTED PRODUCTION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE WELL BELOW 1976 LEVELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR, RELATING THAT CURRENT ESTIMATES CALLED FOR PRODUCTION TO BE 11.4 PCT BELOW LAST YEAR'S FIGURE.

3. COMMENT: EARLIER IN YEAR COMPANY AND GOQ OFFICIALS BLAMED BAD WEATHER FOR SLUMPING PRODUCTION (REF B AND D). AS PRODUCTION WAS CONTINUING AT THESE LOWER LEVELS THIS EXPLANATION IS NOW SEEN AS INADEQUATE -- MORE LIKELY REASON IS THE EFFECT OF THE TWO TIER PRICING SYSTEM. GOQ MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, BOTH IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AND PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS, HAS MAINTAINED THAT QATARIS HAVE NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"SUFFERED" BECAUSE OF TWO TIER PRICING. DESPITE PRODUCTION LOSS, THIS MAY BE RELATIVELY TRUE. PIW HAS REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH QATARI PRODUCTION DOWN, JAN 1 PRICE HIKE HAS KEPT REVENUES ALMOST AT PREVIOUS LEVELS. ACCORDING PIW, GOQ REVENUES DOWN ONLY BY 2 PCT.  
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